

St John's Woodbridge and St Andrew's Bredfield

September

PRAYER

Diary

Discovering God and Sharing the Love of Jesus

Romans 12: 9 – 21

31st Love must be sincere

We are called to live a holy life, turning away from all that would come between us and God. Pray for Charles and Kate. Pray for those affected by the continuing wars across the globe. Pray for peace in the Middle East. Pray for those in or affected by domestic violence. Pray for the Hub.

1st ...keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord

Sit and think of the love that Jesus showed by his sacrifice on the cross. Pray that we can be effective in reaching out to young and old with the love of Jesus. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. Pray for our work with children and families. Pray for those starting new schools, further education or vocational training. Pray for Anna Yates as she takes up post as Operations Manager.

2nd Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

We are called to tell people about Jesus and his saving grace. Pray for God's word to be heard throughout the world. Pray for the world, the United Nations and national governments. Pray for our own government. Pray for those seeking to bring humanitarian aid wherever it is needed.

3rd Live in harmony with one another

Pray for the healing of relationships and hurts, some of these due to historic or current racial or domestic abuse. Give thanks that through our Lord Jesus our sins are forgiven, as we confess and repent of them. Pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet and organisations trying to help them. Pray for prison ministry in its various forms and that those in prison will turn to the Lord.

4th Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good

Spend a few minutes in contemplation of God and of Jesus, his wonderful gift to us. Pray that we will be bolder in sharing that gift with those around us. Pray that we will persevere in reading and learning from God's word, obeying and seeking his direction for our lives. Pray for the services on Sunday.

Weekend: Pray for your family, your neighbours and loved ones

Romans 13: 8 - 14

7th Love your neighbour as yourself

Pray for your neighbours, is God showing you how to reach out to them. Pray for the pastoral care within our churches. Pray for our churchwardens and the PCCs. Pray for the efforts to combat climate change. Pray for those who have been affected by the wildfires that have raged in this country and in Europe. Pray for the Hub. Pray for the Repair Cafe.

8th Love is the fulfilment of the law

Who can you tell of the Lord's great love for them? Can you invite them to Alpha? Pray for those who find it difficult to accept God's love. Pray for Christian Aid and its work throughout the world. Pray for Toddlers at St_Johns. Pray for our children and young people. Pray for the Children's Society. Pray for Ukraine and an end to the war. Pray for the prayers in St Johns this week.

9th The time has come for you to wake up from your slumber

Give us the courage to tell those around us of the love and forgiveness of God? Pray that all you say will give joy to the Lord and encourage others. Set a time to sit quietly each day, so that the Lord can speak into your heart. Give thanks and pray for those who preach the gospel. Ask our Father to help us listen to the concerns of those around us. Pray for those whose health investigations and treatment have been delayed.

10th So let us put on the armour of light

Spend some time in worship of our Lord and give thanks for our salvation through his sacrifice. We need to tell our friends and neighbours of the great joy of knowing and following Jesus. Pray that we will be open to God's guidance and be prepared to share his good news. Pray for those God has placed on your heart. Pray for our office staff and volunteers. Pray for our Life Groups. Pray for Just42 and their recruitment of staff.

11th Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ

Give thanks for God's love. God comes alongside us and supports us when we call upon him but we need to give him time and space. Pray for deliverance for those caught up in human slavery and trafficking. Pray for the organisations tackling these problems. Pray for Friday Night Youth. Pray for the emergency services. Pray for the Men's Breakfast. Pray for the services on Sunday.

Weekend: Pray for your family, your neighbours and loved ones

Romans 14: 1 - 12

14th None of us lives to himself alone...

Offer to the Lord anything that disturbs your sense of peace and ask for his healing touch on your life. Pray that we will be a church that welcomes all. Pray for peace in Ukraine. Pray for peace in the Middle East and negotiations to be effective. Pray for the work of Tear Fund. Pray for the Hub. Pray for our government and that decisions made will be for the benefit of all.

15th We will all stand before God's judgement seat

Pray that our minds are set on the things of the Spirit, things that please God. Pray that Jesus will be welcomed in our homes and those of our family and friends. Pray for our Mission Partners – David and Manuela, John and Gillian and their families. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. Pray for all our ministry to families and children. Pray for healing of any broken relationships. Pray for the recruitment of a Youth Pastor.

16th Let us stop passing judgement on one another

Pray that we will value and support one another. Pray for the hungry and homeless and those who seek to help them. Pray for more volunteers to help with the Salvation Army food bank. Pray for those affected by war, earthquakes, forest and heathland fires, floods and other catastrophic events. Pray for the Wednesday congregation.

17th The kingdom of God is...righteousness, peace and joy in one Holy Spirit

Open your heart and your voice in praise and thanks for your salvation. Pray for those who are fearful for the future. Pray for those struggling with pain and disability or struggling mentally or financially that they will be able to access appropriate help especially for debt counselling. Pray for young people seeking employment. Pray for the Bible Society.

18th Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification

Spend some time lifting your voice and your heart in praise, glorifying our God and Saviour. Let God fill you with joy in his presence and the desire to share that joy with those around us. Pray for yourself and the people of our benefice that we can step out in faith, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pray for the services on Sunday.

Weekend: Pray for the protection of your family and friends

Philippians 1: 21 - 30

21st For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain

Spend some time quietly pondering Paul's words. How relevant are they to you? Pray for the work of Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk District Council and for the councillors that decisions made will be to the benefit of all. Pray for the Hub. Pray for those who live or work in residential or care homes in this area. Pray for those receiving end of life care. Pray for the CPAS.

22nd Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ

Pray that our lives may demonstrate the love that Jesus had. Pray that we can share this love with those around us, at home and in Woodbridge. Pray for Alpha, which starts today and for those who come. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. Pray for growth of the ministry in our benefice to children and young people. Pray for the NHS, social care and our medical centres. Pray for Open Doors.

23rd ...stand firm in one spirit

Pray for unity within our benefice and the wider church. Pray for a greater awareness of environmental issues. Pray for those who live and work in Woodbridge and Bredfield. Pray for Churches Together that we can find ways to support one another in sharing the love of Jesus.

24th Contending as one...for the sake of the gospel

Pray for the coming of God's kingdom. Pray for our Life groups in their sharing the Bible, in praying, in sharing and in caring for one another. Pray for those in our congregation who are unable to join a Life Group or have yet to find one.

25th You will be saved – and that by God

Spend some time in the worship of God the Father, Jesus the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Pray that our love for one another will flow into the community. Pray for the ministry of healing and for sensitivity towards those struggling with long term ailments. Pray for our farmers, those involved in agriculture and those involved in food production. Pray for the Sunday services.

Philippians 2: 1 - 13

28th If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ...

Allow the Spirit to prompt you in your prayers. Is there someone you can tell of all that God has done in your life? Ask Him to give you the opportunities and the words to say. Pray for the world and for God's will to be done. Pray for the Hub.

29th In humility consider others better than yourselves

Are we open to hearing God and responding to him? Lift your voice in praise to our God and Saviour. Pray for Charles and Kate and all who minister God's word in our benefice. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns and our ministry to children and young people. Pray for Alpha and our guests and helpers.

30th Look to the interests of others

Give thanks that through Jesus we have become part of God's family and he cares for us. Following his example we are called to care for others. Pray for the homeless and the hungry. Pray for the Salvation Army as they work to support them. Pray for the Food Bank.

1st At the name of Jesus every knee should bow

Pray for the coming of God's kingdom on earth as in heaven and that Jesus will be honoured throughout the world. Give thanks to God for Jesus and all he taught us through his words and actions. Pray for our government at national and local levels and the decisions made.

2nd Continue to work out your salvation...

We should continue to grow, spiritually and practically in what we do for the Lord. When we come to the Lord and confess where we have done wrong, or missed doing right, he forgives us and restores us. Pray for the emergency services and health professionals and give thanks for their dedicated service. Pray for the services on Sunday.

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